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Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's meeting with Champions of Team India after their fabulous win at T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament



Victory Parade of Champions of Team India after their fabulous win at T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament at Marine Drive Mumbai

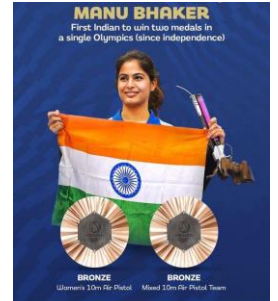


New India at work in diverse sports arenas

PM Modi met with Indian Contingnet for Paris Olympics 2024 on July 4th



A total of 117 Indian athletes (including seven reserves) travelled to the French capital to take part in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, which began on July 26. The contingent comprises 29 members (11 women and 18 men) from athletics, followed by shooting (21) and hockey (19). Table tennis is represented by eight players, while badminton features seven competitors, including two-time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu. Wrestling (6), archery (6), and boxing (6) have six representatives each, followed by golf (4), tennis (3), swimming (2), sailing (2), and one each for equestrian, judo, rowing and weightlifting. Find the complete list of the competitors at the following [LINK](#).



Our shooters continue to make us proud! Congratulations to Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh for winning the Bronze medal in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event at the Olympics. Both of them have shown great skills and teamwork. India is incredibly delighted. For Manu, this is her second consecutive Olympic medal, showcasing her consistent excellence and dedication.



Indian Para Swimming team won 7 medals at Zagreb Para Swimming Open 2024

- Ms. Sae Pujari - S7 Cat.
- 1) 400m freestyle Gold NR*
 - 2) 100m freestyle Silver NR*
 - 3) 50m butterfly Silver NR*
 - 4) 50m freestyle Bronze NR*

- Mohammad Shams Aalam Shaikh - S5 SB4 SM5 Cat.
- 1) 100m breaststroke Silver
 - 2) 200m ind. medley Silver NR*
 - 3) 50m butterfly Bronze
- *New National Record

Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths

India's total exports are estimated to grow at 5.40% in June 2024; Cumulative overall exports during April-June 2024 estimated to grow at 8.60%

In June 2024, merchandise exports grew by 2.55%, reaching US\$ 35.20 billion compared to US\$ 34.32 billion in June 2023. The cumulative value of exports during April-June 2024 was US\$ 109.96 billion, a 5.84% increase from the same period in 2023. Non-petroleum and non-gems and jewellery exports rose 8.48% to US\$ 27.43 billion in June 2024. Key drivers of this growth included Engineering Goods, Electronic Goods, Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, Coffee, and Organic and Inorganic Chemicals. Notably, Coffee exports surged by 70.02%, while Electronic Goods and Engineering Goods saw increases of 16.91% and 10.27%, respectively. Total exports (merchandise and services combined) for June 2024 are estimated at US\$ 65.47 billion, a 5.40% growth compared to June 2023, with total imports estimated at US\$ 73.47 billion, a 6.29% increase.



From Bicycles to Digital Payments: PM Modi Hails 'Make in India' Success Story For Boosting Economy Globally

Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the phenomenal success of the 'Make in India' initiative, underscoring its role in propelling India's Economy onto the global stage. In his post, PM Modi stated, "A glimpse of how 'Make in India' is propelling India's economy onto the global stage!" This sentiment reflects the transformative journey of Indian-made products as they capture global markets and earn international acclaim. The 'Make in India' initiative has showcased the remarkable success of Indian-made products globally. This campaign has led to a significant increase in the export of Indian bicycles, which have become a global sensation. Exports to countries such as the UK, Germany, and the Netherlands have surged, highlighting India's rising influence in international markets.



India Targets \$110 Billion FDI a Year to Help Boost Economy

India is aiming to boost annual foreign direct investment by more than 50% to help lift economic growth, according to a top official at the government's investment promotion agency Invest India. "For the next seven years, our goal is to draw \$110 billion per year which amounts to roughly \$1 trillion-plus over the next 10 years," Nivruti Rai, managing director of Invest India, said in an interview with Bloomberg.



India's June exports rise 5.4% y/y; the government expects \$800 bn in FY25

India's goods and services exports likely rose 5.4% year-on-year to \$65.47 billion in June, driven by a pick-up in orders that could push total exports to \$800 billion in the current fiscal year ending in March 2025, the trade secretary said. Merchandise imports (INIMP=ECI), opened a new tab in Asia's third-largest economy and rose 5% to \$56.18 billion in the same month, reflecting a pick-up in domestic demand for industrial machinery and gold imports.



The first Budget of the third term of PM Modi's Government was presented on 23rd July by the Finance Minister – Key highlights presented in infographics

UNION BUDGET 2024-25

Y Initiatives for Youth

Prime Minister's Package of 5 Schemes and Initiatives for Employment & Skilling with an outlay of Rs 2 lakh crore for our 4.1 crore youth

Employment Linked Incentive Package consisting following 3 schemes:

Scheme A: 'First Timers' - To provide 1-month wage to all persons newly entering the workforce.

Scheme B: Job Creation in manufacturing sector- Incentive to be provided directly to both 1st-time employee & employer for their EPFO Contribution in first 4 years of employment.

Scheme C: Support to employers - Govt will reimburse employers upto Rs 3000/month for 2 years towards their EPFO contribution for each additional employee.

4th Scheme: Skilling in collaboration with States & Industry, 1000 ITIs to be upgraded.

5th Scheme: Scheme for providing Internships in 500 top companies to 1 crore youth in 5 years.

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Efforts for Energy Security

To come up with a policy document on appropriate energy transition pathways that balances employment growth & environmental sustainability

PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, which has seen more than 128 crore registrations, to be further encouraged

Policy for promoting pumped storage projects will be brought out for electricity storage & facilitating smooth integration of growing share of renewable energy

R&D of Small and Modular Nuclear Reactors: Govt will partner with private sector for - setting up 'Bharat Small Reactors'; R&D of 'Bharat Small Modular Reactor'; and R&D of Newer technologies for Nuclear energy

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SPACE ECONOMY ₹1,000 CRORE BOOST

Space economy to be expanded **5x in next 10 years.**

Boost of **Rs 1,000 crore** for space sector announced



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Promoting Employment in Tourism

Transformation of **Vishnupad Temple Corridor and Mahabodhi Temple Corridor** in Bihar

A comprehensive development initiative for **Rajgir and Nalanda** as a tourist destination in Bihar

Assistance for **development of Odisha** as a tourist destination

Simpler tax regime for foreign shipping companies operating **Domestic Cruises in India**

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More details can be found at the following [LINK](#).

Media coverage locally in India

An article from the 14th of July in the daily newspaper Poslovni Dnevnik is available at the following [link](#), headlined “Forget China, the era of India is coming”



Thanks to the Indian central bank's FAR (“Fully Accessible Route”) mechanism (currently covering more than \$300 billion in nominal value of bonds with maturities of at least two years), foreign investors are not subject to any administrative restrictions, which was a key prerequisite for listing. In this case, India's share in the index will gradually grow and by the end of the first quarter of next year it should reach a maximum of 10%, and equalize with China, Indonesia and Mexico (at the expense of Thailand, the Czech Republic and Poland). It should certainly be pointed out that the index represents the loudest reference in the world of developing market bonds, on which about 250 billion dollars of capital directly rests, so inclusion in the index implies an influx of almost thirty billion of fresh capital in the direction of government bonds. The latter figure represents a significant step forward compared to the minor billion-dollar inflows from 2021 and 2022.

Moreover, Goldman Sachs estimates that, following previous announcements, approximately ten billion dollars have already gone in the direction of India, so that ultimately the share of foreign investors in the total mass of Indian government bonds could increase from 2% to 5%. All of them can be satisfied with the current yields: in less than a year, the (annual) inflation rate has almost halved and is currently slightly below 5%. Yields, however, are more or less stable (around 7%), and this fact becomes even more significant when one considers the almost unchanged exchange rate of the dollar against the domestic rupee. On the contrary, the Chinese yuan is under constant pressure, largely dependent on interventions and other administrative measures of the central bank, but the yields on Chinese bonds due to several specific circumstances (deflation is certainly at the top of the list) are still sliding downhill.

Media coverage locally on India



The Croatian show RTL Danas.hr took the viewers to discover India in Croatia by visiting Embassy of India in Zagreb and with an interview over Indian Tea with Ambassador Srivastava. Watch the whole video here: [LINK](#)

ZAVRŠIO TREĆI PO REDU MEĐUNARODNI FOLKLORNI FESTIVAL COFA

Prezentirano bogatstvo kulturne baštine iz čitavog svijeta

Festival je okupio oko 300 sudionika iz Indije, Perua, Švicarske, Bugarske i Hrvatske koji su svoju tradiciju, običaje, pjesme, plesove i narodne nošnje predstavili publici u Varaždinu, Ludbregu, Maruševcu, Maloj Subotici i Zaboku



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Spektakularnim nastupima kod vile Bedeković u Varaždinu završio je treći po redu Međunarodni folklorni festival COFA koji se u Varaždinskoj, Medimurskoj i Krapinsko-zagorskoj županiji održavao od 7. do 12. srpnja ove godine.

Dokazana gostoljubivost

I ovogodišnje izdanje COFA-e donijelo je bogatstvo kulturne baštine iz čitavog svijeta okupivši oko 300 sudionika iz Indije, Perua, Švicarske, Bugarske i Hrvatske koji su svoju tradiciju, običaje, pjesme, plesove i narodne nošnje predstavili publici u Varaždinu, Ludbregu, Maruševcu, Maloj Subotici i Zaboku. Idejna začetnica Festivala Petra Golubar istaknula je kako je ovogodišnje izdanje Festivala bila prava folklorna avantura.

- Ove godine Festival je primio regionalni karakter gostujući na području čak tri županije. Gdje god da su izvođači nastupili bili su odlično prihvaćeni, a sami sudionici oduševljeni su našom tradicijskom baštinom, gostoljubivošću naših građana, kao i našim prirodnim i kulturnim zna-



“Ovogodišnje izdanje Festivala bila je prava folklorna avantura”
PETRA GOLUBAR

menitostima. Uz same nastupe naših gostiju, festival je obilovao popratnim programima. Od izložbe fotografija narodnih nošnji iz Indije, do radionica

za djecu kako bi se ona upozнала s pjesmama i plesovima gostujućih zemalja, do nastupa najmlađih članova KUD-ova s područja Varaždinske županije, a mogli smo se uvjeriti i kako zvuči spoj elektroničke glazbe sa narodnom glazbom – nabrojala je Petra Golubar. Završetku trećeg izdanja COFA prisustvovali su i veleposlanik Indije u Republici Hrvatskoj Nj. E. Raj Kumar Srivastava konji nije krio zadovoljstvo nastupom grupe iz Indije, kao i

cjelokupnom organizacijom Festivala koji za cilj ima očuvanje i promicanje kulturne baštine, te župan Varaždinske županije Anđelko Stričak pohvalivši organizatore festivala te izrazivši želju da iduće godine Festival bude još bogatiji i raznolikiji, a sve s ciljem upoznavanja vlastite kulturne baštine, ali i baštine drugih zemalja. Dodajmo da je generalni pokrovitelj festivala COFA Varaždinska županija, a pokrovitelji su Grad Varaždin i UNESCO.



Read the full article at the following [LINK](#).

Strengthening People to People ties



Ambassador Srivastava visited Međimurje County, the northernmost and one of the most economically progressive regions of Croatia. He met with County Prefect Matija Posavec, Mayor of Donji Kraljevec municipality Miljenko Horvat, as well as representatives from prominent Croatian companies with long history - Tehnix and Ferokotao, the Međimurje County Tourist Board, and the Dr Rudolf Steiner Centre. Among the many topics discussed were the strengthening of economic and cultural relations, Indian talent and skill development programmes, and the upcoming visit of the Međimurje County delegation to India, planned for September this year.



Ambassador Srivastava visited the 25th Karlovac Summer Festival and witnessed the amazing energy by the Kalalaya group from Mumbai. The festival was opened by the Mayor of the City of Karlovac Damir Mandić. “This is a big event for our city and a lot of effort was really put into it. It can be seen in all of you who are here tonight, he said.



Strengthening People to People ties

Ambassador Srivastava was received by the Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Youth Mr. Radovan Fuchs to discuss about strengthening of the India-Croatia ties in the field of Science and Education. Ambassador highlighted the long-standing cooperation with the Zagreb Indology department in University of Zagreb, the potential cooperation in Science & Technology Research, and Youth. India and Croatia have demographic complementarity which is now visible in the Croatian job market which is increasingly filled with skilled human talents from India. Education is a fundamental tool for creating the human capital necessary to sustain development in the 21st century, and our bilateral people-to-people cooperation would also have an important youth & education dimension. Ambassador presented the Minister the two recent publications "Croatian-Indian Ties: 30 Chapters for 30 Years of Diplomatic Relations", & special Hindi poetry book "Bharat".

The SuperUnited Rapid & Blitz Croatia 2024 was held 10th-14th July in the City of Zagreb with participation of Indian Chess prodigies Gukesh Dommaraju & Vidit Gujrathi.

Remembering 3 years back an Article in Jutarnji list newspaper about Indian legend Chess Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand, how "one of the best chess players in history made an immense advertisement for Croatia tourism with just one visit by sharing his enthusiasm with almost a billion and a half of his fellow citizens, who represent one of the largest and fastest-growing markets in the world."

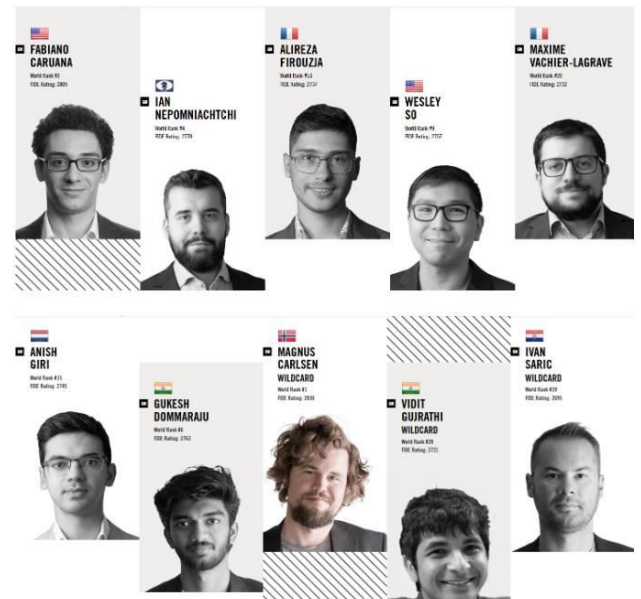


SuperUnited Rapid & Blitz Croatia 2024

Organizers: Grand Chess Tour & Chess Club e4



Official website: <https://grandchestour.org/>



Croatian winners of “Yoga with Family” contest



We are pleased to announce the Croatian winners of the Yoga with Family video contest organised by the Ministry of Ayush, the Government of India and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations to promote Yoga awareness & encourage participation in IDY 2024:

- **Emilija Capek from the City of Beli Manastir**
- **Leonardo Gospodnetić from the City of Šibenik**
- **Izabela Marić from the City of Zagreb**



The above-mentioned Croatian "Yoga with Family" video contest winners have also participated in the global yoga movement and in the 10th edition of the IDY 2024.

30 years of Croatian-Indian society

The Croatian-Indian Society celebrated its 30th anniversary, and one of the important pillars in the creation of programs, topics and guests, and the host of numerous events, was Napredak Cultural Center in Zagreb.



Over the past few years, the Croatian-Indian Society has achieved solid cooperation with the Croatian Cultural Society Napredak and its members who, through their professional work in various segments of social, cultural and scientific life, have contributed to the selection of appropriate topics and lecturers. Some of them found important links between Croatian and Indian society throughout history, which certainly helped to better get to know and connect the two peoples. On the occasion of this anniversary, certificates of appreciation were awarded to institutions and individuals who, through the work of the Croatian-Indian Society, contributed to the strengthening of cooperation between the two friendly countries. The President of the Society, Joginder Singh Nijjar, presented a gift and a certificate of appreciation to Ambassador Srivastava, who greatly contributed to the work of the society during his mandate, and academician Mislav Ježić, prof. emeritus Nedeljko Prić, as well as some members and employees of the Croatian Cultural Society Napredak, among whom are: Prof. Ph.D. Dražen Vikić-Topić, prof. Ph.D. Darko Žubrinić, prof. Ph.D. Tomislav Šikić, Goran Štrbac, Mario Milošević and Kristina Stanković. Also, they did not forget the members of the Croatian-Indian Society who have been there since its foundation in 1994, including: M.Sc. sc. Zora Maštrović, prof. Ph.D. Ruzica Čičak Chand, prof. Ph.D. Ljubomir Miščević, Zdenko Bandov and others. Read more about the anniversary at the following [LINK](#).



India in Croatia in July - COFA festival

Ambassador Srivastava was invited for the closing ceremony of the 3rd International Folklore Festival COFA which took place in Varaždin and Varaždin County, but also in Međimurje County from July 7 to 12 this year. The closing Ceremony was also marked with a colourful and vibrant performance by the Rang Folklore Foundation, India. The visit of the group would, therefore, create a wider friendship while the exchange of cultures would make this gathering an unforgettable memory for future India-Croatia ties. Watch the statements at the following [link](#) by Ambassador Srivastava at 12:20 and the performance of Rang Folklore Foundation, India at 1:04:30.



The exhibition of photographs at the P4, centre for youth and independent culture, of folk costumes of India in the City of Varaždin, supported by COFA, was visited by Ambassador Srivastava.



India in Croatia in July - COFA festival



Ludbreg hosted for the first time the International Folklore Festival COFA (Contemporary Folklore Adventure), which this year took place from July 7 to 12 in the city of Varaždin and the cities and municipalities of Varaždin, Krapina-Zagorje and Međimurje counties. The program was opened by the hosts, KUD "Anka Ošpuh", and Rang Folklore Foundation from India.



INDIJA PLEŠE BEĆARAC. The Folklore Foundation, India participation in this year's Đakovo embroideries, one of the biggest folklore festivals in Croatia, spontaneously combined a classical Indian dance with a musical background of "Bećarac", a form of folk song originating in rural Slavonia. The group's participation was possible with the special invitation of Mrs. Petra Golubar Directo of the COFA festival. Watch the dance at the following [link](#).



The group was also received by the Mayor of City of Varaždin Mr. Neven Bosilj.

India in Croatia in July: Indian Summer in Istria



As part of the "Summer of India in Istria" project, organized by the Lapidarium Museum in the city of Novigrad in cooperation with the Indian Embassy in Zagreb, on July 5 an independent exhibition by Mithu Sen, one of the most famous contemporary Indian artists, opened in the Lapidarium Museum in Novigrad. The name of Sena's exhibition "Shadows. One Yet Separate" was inspired by the prose poem "Shadow" by the Croatian novelist Antun Gustav Matoš, and all newly created, purpose-made works for its first presentation in Croatia bear the marks of Matoš's poems "Bajaderin grob", "Napast", "Nokturno" and "Prkos", that is, the author's pictorial transcription of the words of Matoš's poems in manuscript (digitized material from the Collection of Manuscripts and Old Books of the National and University Library in Zagreb). In this way, with the manner of a benevolent guest and respect for the host, Mithu Sen, through the language of poetry of 'unfamiliar' territory and culture to her, contextualizes concepts such as the identity of a female artist located in the global south, post-colonial discourses, dominant language politics or Eurocentricity. Given that the Novigrad museum has glass walls, the special feature of the exhibition are 14 new transparent drawings by Matoš "Shadows" executed and connected with LED strips. In the form of an LED installation, the images are placed on the glass surfaces of the museum visible from the street, square or park. During the day, Sena's LED installation creates shadows inside the museum space, and at night a light installation, or as AG Matoš wrote: The shadow is bigger than the light, like my shadow which in the evening is bigger than my grandfather's plowed field. Wheat and man's grain sprout in the shade and perish in the shade. Life rises from the shadows, wanders in the shadows, disappears in the shadows.

24 – 30 July / 9pm / Centre for Manifestations and Culture Novigrad-Cittanova / INDIAN MOVIE WEEK

Wednesday, 24 July: Stanley Ka Dabba (2011)

Saturday, 27 July: Queen (2014)

Thursday, 25 July: Hawaa Hawaai (2014)

Monday, 29 July: Piku (2015)

Friday, 26 July: Mary Kom (2014)

Tuesday, 30 July: Manjhi - The Mountain Man (2015)

Bollywood films often showcase the vibrant and diverse cultural heritage of India, including its music, dance, fashion, and art. Watching a Bollywood movie can give you a glimpse into the traditions, customs, and beliefs of India, and help you understand and appreciate its rich history and cultural significance.



India in Croatia in July

The Indian Council For Cultural Relations 8—Ramayana Theatre Group - Roopvani led by Vyomesh Shukla performances in the Croatian tour



The Indian Council for Cultural Relations 8—Member Ramayana Theatre Group - Roopvani led by Vyomesh Shukla performed at the start of the Croatian tour at the "Indian Summer in Istria" festivity on 2nd July in the City of Novigrad. The Theatrical play inspired by the Indian Epic "Ramayana" describes the life and heroic deeds of the god Rama and his devoted wife Sita.



64th annual Šibenik Children's Festival Međunarodni dječji festival Šibenik - Hrvatska hosted the Indian Council for Cultural Relations supported Dance Theatre Group Roopvani from Varanasi, India. Children and their parents witnessed MAGIC (Mystical, Artistic, Grand, Intriguing, & Culturally rich) performance of a key story u see the Indian Epic Ramayan - The worship of power goddess by Lord Ram to become empowered for the war of virtue over vice, good over evil. A group from oldest city (Varanasi) on the planet performed at the oldest city (Šibenik) of Croatia.



क्रोएशिया में बनारस के सांस्कृतिक दल की रामायण पर भावपूर्ण प्रस्तुति

जयपुर, बंगलौर: भारतीय सांस्कृतिक समूह 'रूपवनी' (Roopvani) की ओर से भारत और अन्य देशों के लोग सांस्कृतिक समूहों को यशस्व रूप से प्रस्तुति के रूप में क्रोएशिया में आयोजित 64वाँ वार्षिक 'मेडुनारोदनी दजेचि' (Međunarodni Dječji Festival) में भारतीय सांस्कृतिक दल 'रूपवनी' ने रामायण की प्रस्तुति से लोगों का मन मीठा किया। इस 'रूपवनी' जयपुर, क्रोएशिया में भारत के दुबईवासियों और से इस अवसर को भारतीयों को जरी करवाया है।

क्रोएशिया के इस 'मेडुनारोदनी दजेचि' कार्यक्रम में भारतीयों और उनके माता-पिता ने भारतीय सांस्कृतिक रामायण की कथा का मंगन देखा और यह 'रूपवनी' नामक है। बंगलौर के 'रूपवनी', बंगलौर, भारत, दिल्ली और सांस्कृतिक रूप से समृद्ध प्रदर्शन के दौरान रामायण ने पाए पर युवा के विकास के लिए

बंगलौर के 'रूपवनी' सांस्कृतिक दल ने क्रोएशिया में आयोजित 64वाँ वार्षिक 'मेडुनारोदनी दजेचि' कार्यक्रम में भाग लिया। इस कार्यक्रम में 'रूपवनी' के सदस्यों ने रामायण की कथा को दर्शाया। कार्यक्रम के दौरान 'रूपवनी' के सदस्यों ने रामायण की कथा को दर्शाया। कार्यक्रम के दौरान 'रूपवनी' के सदस्यों ने रामायण की कथा को दर्शाया।



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The International Folklore Festival in the City of Karlovac, hosted the Indian Council for Cultural Relations Theater Group Roopvani and presented to the audience the 3C's of India - Culture, Costumes and Cuisine. The groups presented concepts of dharma (righteousness), karma (action), devotion, and the human experience on the closing of the festival on the 6th of July. The Indian experience at the International Folklore Festival was also presented through the performance of the Mumbai-based group - Kalalaya and a variety of Indian dishes.



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